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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO  
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INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI  
AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA  
AMEMBASSY ALGIERS  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
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SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT: ALEXANDRIA MEETING  
REF: ALEXANDRIA 439 (NOTAL)

1. CONGEN ALEXANDRIA HAS COMMUNICATIONS BREAKDOWN WHICH WILL NECESSITATE USE OF COURIER RUNS TO CAIRO FOR REPORTING DEVELOPMENTS ON MEETING OF BOYCOTT COMMISSION (REFTEL). WE EXPECT FIRST SUCH REPORT LATER TODAY.

2. IN MEANTIME, WE NOTE FAIRLY HEAVY COVERAGE IN CAIRO PRESS OF BOYCOTT COMMISSIONER GENERAL MAHGOUB'S STATEMENTS AT OPENING OF CONFERENCE. IN ADDITION TO USUAL RHETORIC OF PAST YEARS, MAHGOUB CAME DOWN HARD ON ACTIONS THAT WILL BE TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION PASSED BY U.S., AND PRESENTLY BEING CONSIDERED (AS RESULT OF ZIONIST PRESSURE) BY CANADA AND THE UK. HE IS QUOTED AS REPORTING THAT RECENT MEETING OF ARAB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE DECIDED THAT THERE WILL BE NO COMMERCIAL DEALINGS WITH COUNTRIES THAT HAVE ADOPTED SUCH LEGISLATION. IRAQ IS REPORTEDLY RESPONSIBLE FOR INCLUSION OF THIS AGENDA ITEM.

3. CONFERENCE WILL CONSIDER STATUS OF A NUMBER OF COMPANIES (MAHGOUB SAYS 100) THAT HAVE EXPRESSED A WILLINGNESS TO UNDER-TAKE INVESTMENTS IN ARAB COUNTRIES AS A MEANS OF GETTING OFF BLACKLIST.

4. COMMENT. TEN-DAY CONFERENCE WILL PROBABLY PRODUCE SOME INTERESTING RESULTS. BEHIND-THE SCENES ACTION BY MODERATES, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO WANT INVESTMENTS, I.E., THE POORER COUNTRIES, WILL BE FACED BY FROWNING FEELING OF MUSCLE ON PART OF HARD-LINERS, ALWAYS HARDER IN OTAGE OF PUBLICITY. CONGRESSIONAL ACTION, OR LACK THEREOF, COULD BE DETERMINING FACTOR.

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